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STATES TO GET ADDITIONAL \$38.4 MILLION THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

Over \$38 million in Federal Aid funds for fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs has been apportioned for distribution to the States by Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus. This brings to \$109.3 million the amount made available to the States this fiscal year by the Federal Government, which is considerably more than the \$87.2 million of fiscal year 1978.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Lynn A. Greenwalt said these funds will be used by each of the 50 States and the governments of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa to finance fish and wildlife programs. Of the total funds available, \$82.2 million is for wildlife restoration and \$27.1 million is for fish restoration.

Federal Aid funds are made available to the States in two apportionments annually as tax receipts become available at the Treasury Department. This year a preliminary apportionment of \$70.9 million was made on September 29, 1978, for fiscal year 1979. The second apportionment, announced today, represents an additional \$38.4 million.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on hand guns, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the area of each State.

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These funds may be used on such projects as the acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and management of habitat, and research in wildlife management.

Hunter safety funds, which are distributed according to the relative population of each State, may be used by the State wildlife agencies for hunter education programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges. Or, at the State agency's discretion, a portion of all of these funds may also be used for wildlife restoration.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of the funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters.

These funds are used by the State agency to purchase land and water areas, development or rehabilitation of such areas, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and for research in fishery management.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds for fiscal year 1979.

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Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1979

Alabama	\$ 454,701
Alaska	1,355,000
Arizona	564,970
Arkansas	526,502
California	1,355,000
Colorado	671,725
Connecticut	271,000
Delaware	271,000
Florida	626,438
Georgia	516,947
Hawaii	271,000
Idaho	463,609
Illinois	634,384
Indiana	494,269
Iowa	473,091
Kansas	426,079
Kentucky	459,808
Louisiana	393,363
Maine	271,000
Maryland	271,000
Massachusetts	271,000
Michigan	927,392
Minnesota	1,120,133
Mississippi	375,418
Missouri	698,131
Montana	618,985
Nebraska	369,392
Nevada	418,535
New Hampshire	271,000
New Jersey	271,000
New Mexico	500,085
New York	607,079
North Carolina	412,407
North Dakota	300,083
Ohio	659,566
Oklahoma	523,676
Oregon	681,453
Pennsylvania	666,412
Rhode Island	271,000
South Carolina	315,148
South Dakota	315,199
Tennessee	492,887
Texas	1,355,000
Utah	513,398
Vermont	271,000
Virginia	367,709
Washington	492,246
West Virginia	271,000
Wisconsin	984,802
Wyoming	445,979
Guam	90,333
Puerto Rico	271,000
Virgin Islands	90,333
American Samoa	90,333
Total	\$27,100,000

Final Apportionment for Federal Aid In Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1979

	Wildlife <u>Restoration</u>	Hunter <u>Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,268,444	\$ 273,554	\$ 1,541,998
Alaska	3,551,200	111,760	3,662,960
Arizona	1,652,758	140,780	1,793,538
Arkansas	1,307,671	152,759	1,460,430
California	2,976,689	335,280	3,311,969
Colorado	1,779,631	175,313	1,954,944
Connecticut	355,120	240,835	595,955
Delaware	355,120	111,760	466,880
Florida	1,189,952	335,280	1,525,232
Georgia	1,399,988	335,280	1,735,268
Hawaii	355,120	111,760	466,880
Idaho	1,383,015	111,760	1,494,775
Illinois	1,627,885	335,280	1,963,165
Indiana	1,300,736	335,280	1,636,016
Iowa	1,386,669	224,380	1,611,049
Kansas	1,375,268	178,633	1,553,901
Kentucky	1,114,151	255,695	1,369,846
Louisiana	1,281,228	289,361	1,570,589
Maine	812,147	111,760	923,907
Maryland	515,388	311,538	826,926
Massachusetts	355,120	335,280	690,400
Michigan	2,539,660	335,280	2,874,940
Minnesota	1,699,274	302,219	2,001,493
Mississippi	1,229,335	176,079	1,405,414
Missouri	1,779,603	335,280	2,114,883
Montana	2,067,975	111,760	2,179,735
Nebraska	1,231,538	117,851	1,349,389
Nevada	1,338,955	111,760	1,450,715
New Hampshire	355,120	111,760	466,880
New Jersey	433,485	335,280	768,765
New Mexico	1,669,395	111,760	1,781,155
New York	2,083,178	335,280	2,418,458
North Carolina	1,364,191	335,280	1,699,471
North Dakota	999,920	111,760	1,111,680
Ohio	1,679,545	335,280	2,014,825
Oklahoma	1,331,367	203,270	1,534,637
Oregon	1,759,467	166,109	1,925,576
Pennsylvania	3,130,679	335,280	3,465,959
Rhode Island	355,120	111,760	466,880
South Carolina	790,165	205,753	995,918
South Dakota	1,125,802	111,760	1,237,562
Tennessee	1,463,399	311,679	1,775,078
Texas	3,551,200	335,280	3,886,480
Utah	1,432,001	111,760	1,543,761
Vermont	379,541	111,760	491,301
Virginia	1,365,938	335,280	1,701,218
Washington	1,441,132	270,775	1,711,907
West Virginia	901,829	138,537	1,040,366
Wisconsin	2,067,242	335,280	2,402,522
Wyoming	1,522,778	111,760	1,634,538
Guam	118,373	-	118,373
Puerto Rico	355,120	-	355,120
Virgin Islands	118,373	-	118,373
Total	\$71,024,000	\$11,176,000	\$82,200,000